Remarks

Applicant hereby elects with traverse apparatus claims 12-20, Examiner's Group II, for initial examination in the present application. There would be no undue burden imposed on the Examiner to examine both method claims 1-11 and apparatus claims 12-20 together in the present application.

Nevertheless, solely to expedite prosecution, applicant hereby elects apparatus claims 12-20 for initial examination and cancels claims 1-11 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications directed to the embodiments recited in method claims 1-11 as filed with the application.

The present application is in condition for substantive examination and such action is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if any further issues remain before this application is examined substantively.

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